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## The image is a dense collage of vintage comic book covers, primarily from the mid-20th century. The covers are arranged in a grid-like fashion, overlapping slightly. Titles visible include "Supermouse", "Jetta", "Mystery Comics", "Fantastic Tales", "Cosmo Cat", "Startling Comics", "Strange Mysteries", "Daring Adventures", "Famous Funnies", "Hilarious Raucous", "Teen-Age Sweetheart", "Duck", "Eerie", "Exciting Comics", "Casper Cat", and "Barnyard Comics". Many covers feature colorful illustrations of superheroes, cartoon characters, and action scenes. In the center of the collage, there is a large, dark purple speech bubble with a thick black outline. Inside the bubble, the text "WEB COMIC UNIVERSE.COM" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with each word on a new line. The overall aesthetic is nostalgic and vibrant, representing a collection of classic comic book art.





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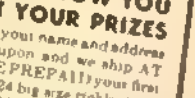
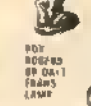
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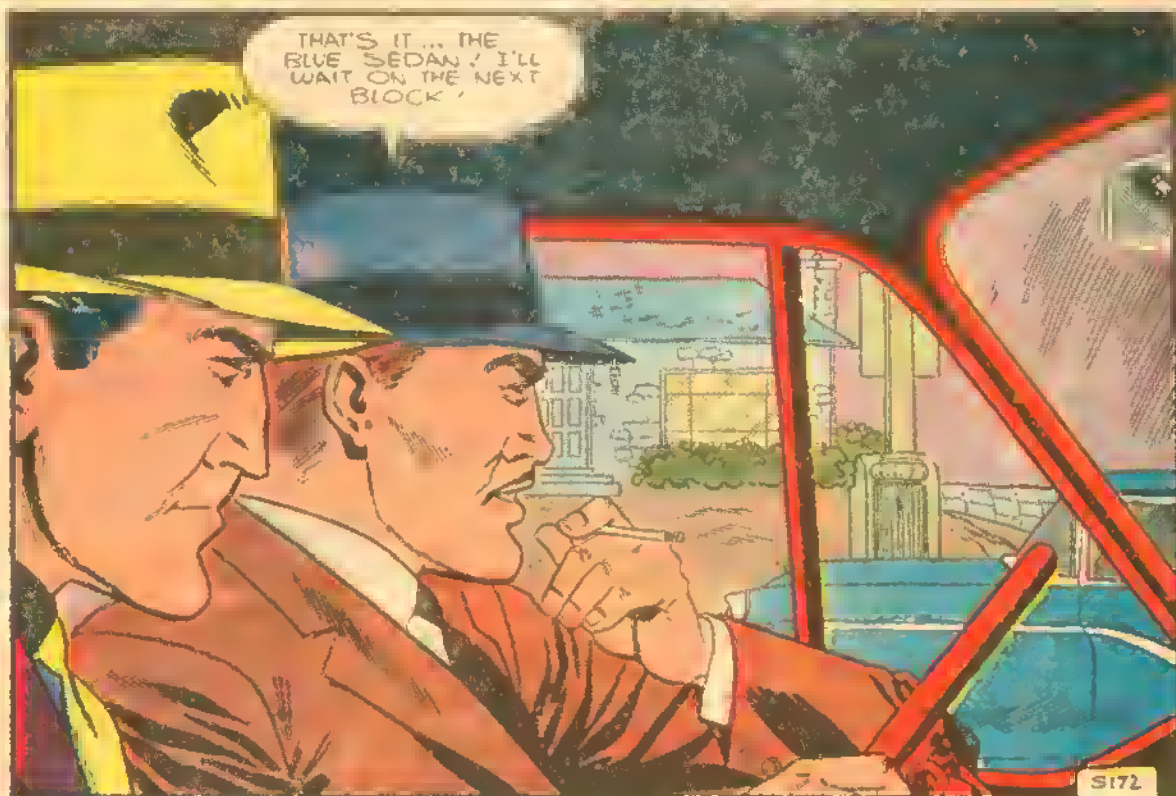
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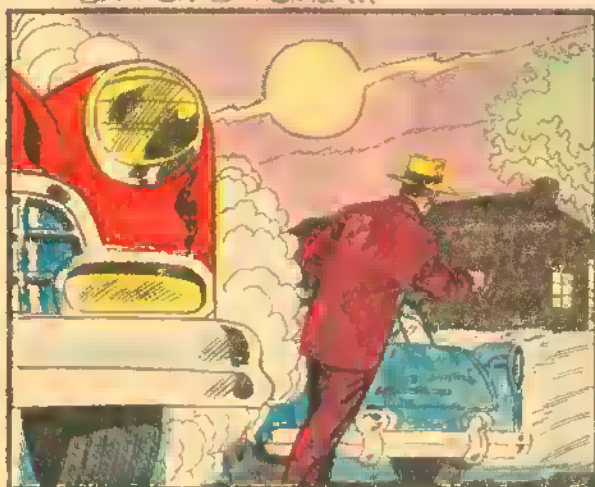
# The LEGAL AUTO THEFT RACKET

ORIGINATING ON THE EAST COAST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE KOREAN WAR, A VICIOUS AUTOMOBILE 'REPOSSESSION' RACKET IS NOW FLOURISHING NATIONWIDE / WITH NO LEGISLATION AS YET IN SIGHT TO PREVENT IT, POLICE MUST SIT BY AND WAIT FOR THE OCCASIONAL SLIP-UP THAT ALLOWS THEM TO ARREST A FEW OF THESE DISHONEST USED CAR DEALERS OPERATING THE RACKET / THE TYPICAL CASE OF JOHN BARTON BEGAN AT ONE A.M. IN A SUBURB OF A LARGE CITY...



KNOWN IN THE RACKET AS "JUMPERS", TWO PROFESSIONAL AUTO THIEVES FIND THEIR MARK FOR THE NIGHT... A LATE MODEL SEDAN PARKED IN FRONT OF BARTON'S HOME...

WITHIN A MATTER OF SECONDS, THE THIEF HAD OPENED BARTON'S AUTO STARTED MOVING THE CAR... AND WAS ON HIS WAY...





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FIVE MINUTES LATER... HIS ACCOMPLICE DIALS THE NUMBER OF THE DOWNTOWN POLICE STATION...



THAT'S RIGHT, SERGEANT, JOHN BARTON, 347 MAPLE... FOUR DAYS OVERDUE ON HIS PAYMENT! WE JUST REPOSSESSED!



WELL, THEY'VE DONE IT AGAIN! BETTER GO SEE A JOHN BARTON AND GIVE HIM THE BAD NEWS!

BARTON, HUH? I WONDER IF THESE PEOPLE WILL EVER WISE UP?



AND TWENTY MINUTES LATER BARTON IS AWAKENED AND...

YES, OFFICER... WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?

DID YOU PARK YOUR CAR ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE TONIGHT, MR BARTON?



WHY, YES, I DID... HEY, IT'S GONE!! WHERE'S MY CAR?

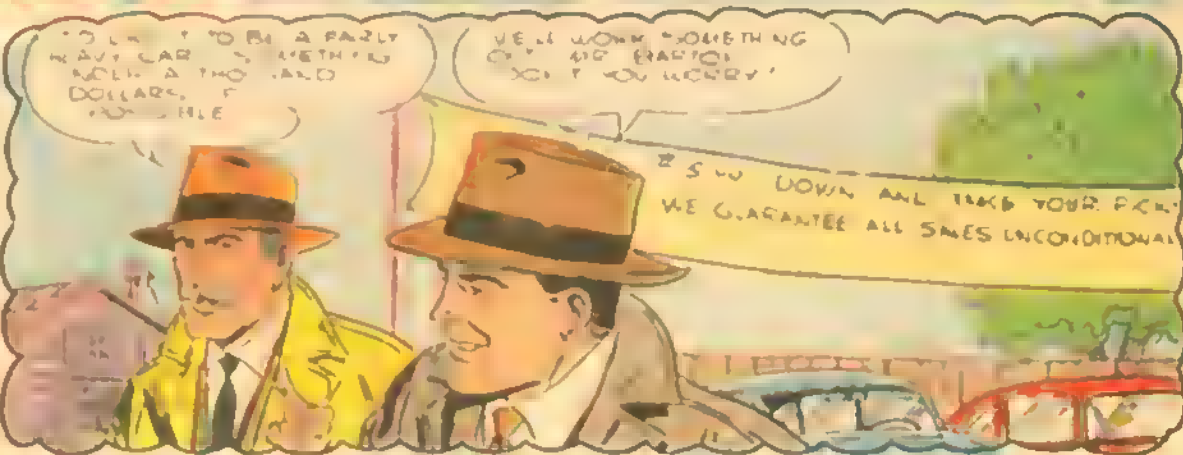
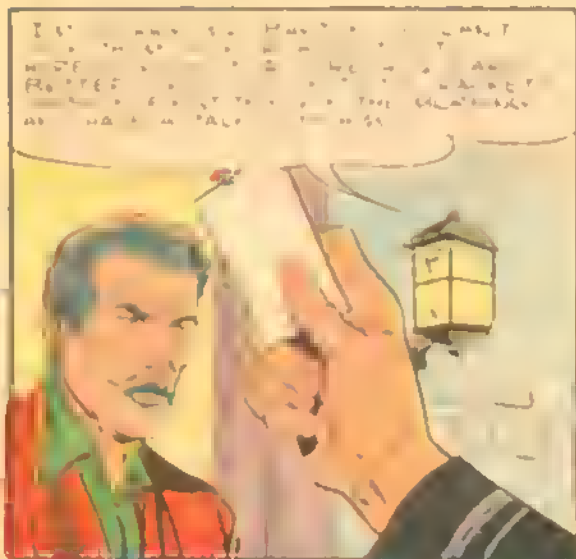
IT'S BEEN REPOSSESSED MR. BARTON!



REPOSSESSED? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? MY PAYMENT WAS MAILED THIS MORNING! LISTEN-- THEY'VE STOLEN THAT CAR! I WANT TO TAKE OUT A WARRANT...



# RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



# GAIN MORE WEIGHT IN 10 DAYS OR YOUR MONEY BACK!



## SKINNY

MEI ARE OFTEN ASHAMED TO STRIP FOR SPORTS OR FOR A SWIM!

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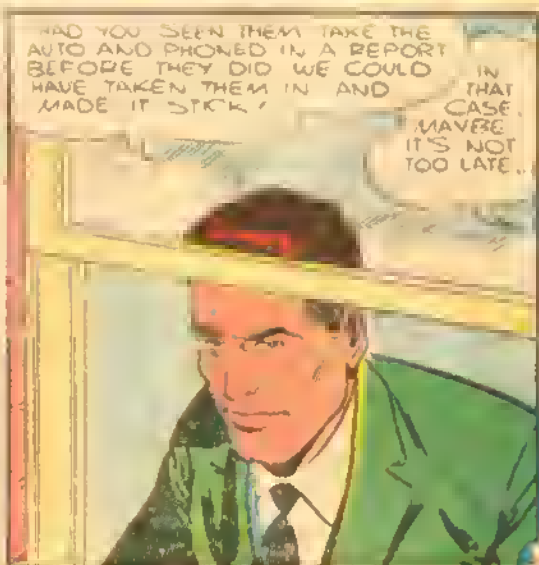
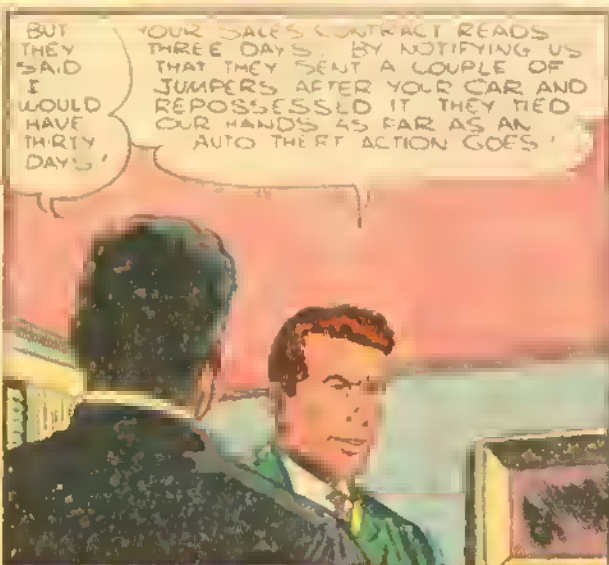
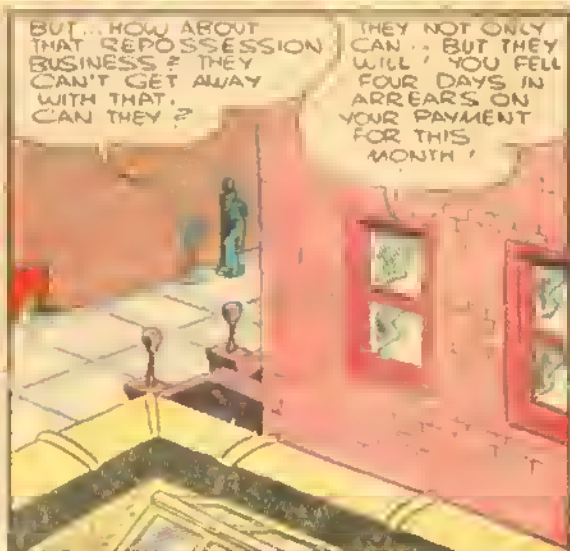
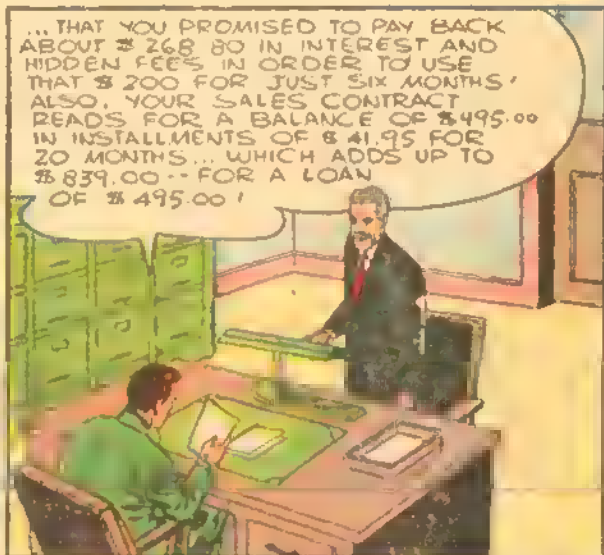
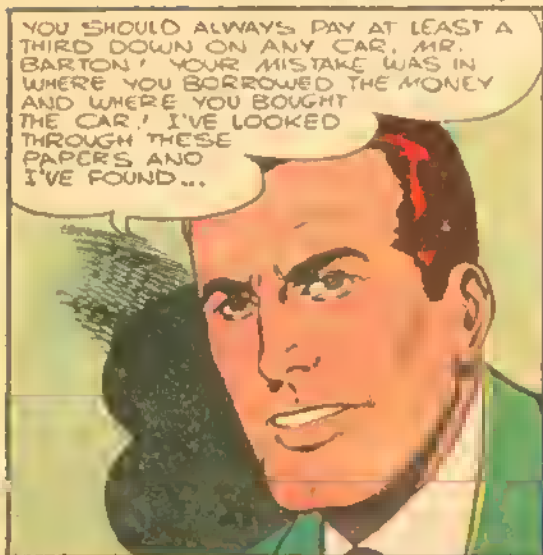
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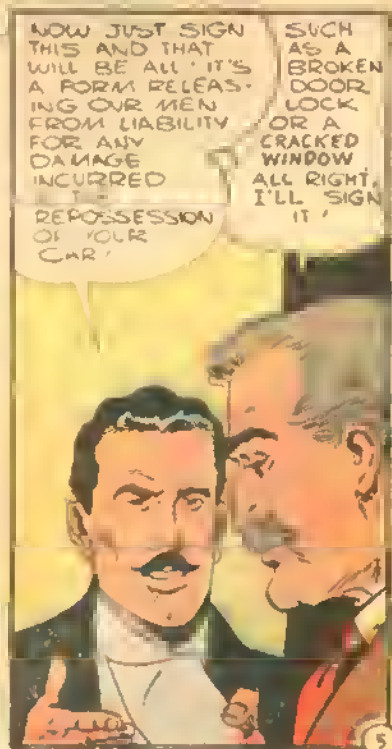
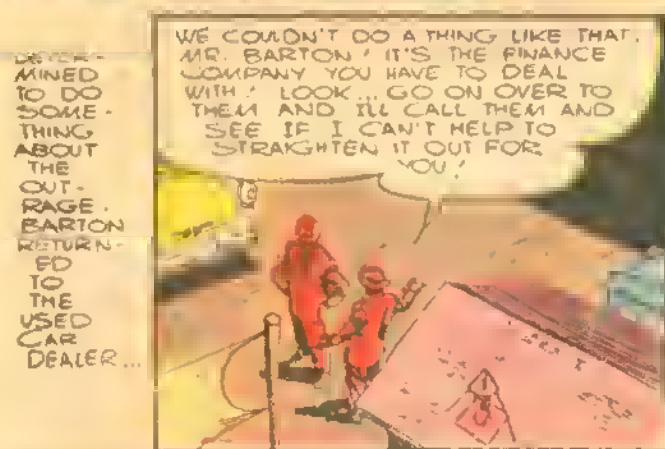
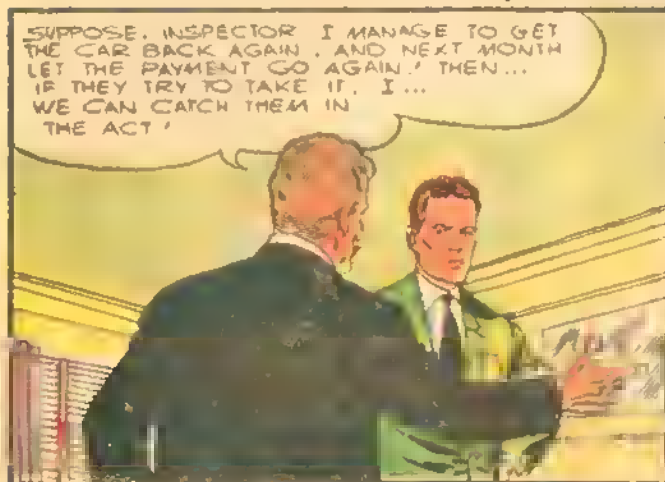


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AND ON THE FOURTH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH...

BARTON AGAIN? DIDN'T WE MAKE HIM LAST MONTH?

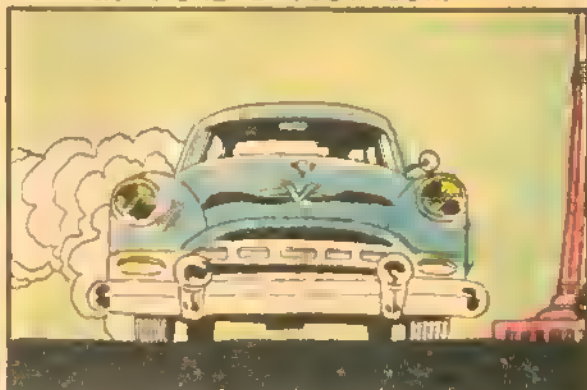
SAME GUY! HE'S THE KIND THAT NEVER LEARNS! THIS TIME HE WON'T GET IT BACK AT ALL!



MAKE IT SNAPPY, JOE! I'LL BE PARKED DOWN THE BLOCK!



AND LESS THAN A MINUTE LATER, THE "JUMPER" PULLS AWAY FROM THE CURB IN A CAR TECHNICALLY STOLEN UNTIL THE ALL IMPORTANT PHONE CALL TO HEAD-QUARTERS CAN BE MADE...



BUT BEFORE THE CAR CAN LEAVE THE BLOCK...

WHAT TH... COPS!



HE'S CLEAN, EDDY!

WHAT IS THIS ANYWAY? I'M FROM THE FINANCE COMPANY... I'M NO CAR THEF! THIS IS A REPOSSESSION!



OH, NO IT ISN'T. SMART GUY! YOUR PAL IS IN CUSTODY ON THE NEXT BLOCK! THIS TIME IT'S AUTO THEFT! IT'LL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE YOU GUYS REPOSSESS ANOTHER CAR! LET'S GO!





# RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

INSPECTOR GREER AND THE STATE'S ATTORNEY LOST NO TIME IN BRINGING THE TWO JUMPERS TO TRIAL ON AUTO THEFT CHARGES...

IT'S TURNING OUT BETTER THEN WE'D HOPED FOR. MR. BARTON, THEY'VE IMPLICATED BOTH THE USED CAR DEALER AND THE FINANCE COMPANY TO TRY TO MINIMIZE THEIR OWN PARTS!



THIS IS ONE SHADY USED CAR LOT THAT'S GOING TO BE PUT OUT OF BUSINESS... PERMANENTLY! YOU AND I AND EVERY USED CAR DEALER WILL BE GLAD TO GET THESE MEN PUT OUT OF THE WAY!



IF IT HADN'T HAPPENED TO ME I WOULDN'T BELIEVE SUCH A THING WAS POSSIBLE, INSPECTOR!

THE REPOSESSION RACKET HAS BECOME NATIONWIDE IN RECENT YEARS! THERE'S VERY LITTLE THE POLICE CAN DO TO PROTECT THE CITIZEN FROM IT WHEN IT'S WORKED RIGHT!



SOONER OR LATER WE'LL HAVE LEGISLATION THAT WILL PROTECT YOU FROM THIS PARTICULAR RACKET! LET'S GO BACK INSIDE-- THE JURY SHOULD BE ABOUT READY TO RETURN A VERDICT BY NOW!



HAVE YOU REACHED A VERDICT, MR. FOREMAN?

WE HAVE, YOUR HONOR!



AND SO, YOUR RACKET SQUAD BROUGHT TO JUSTICE ANOTHER GROUP OF MEN WHO DAILY PREY ON AN UNSUSPECTING PUBLIC! THE DEFENDANTS WERE FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW! THIS RACKET STILL EXISTS... BE CAREFUL WITH WHOM YOU DO BUSINESS. AND READ THE FINE PRINT BEFORE YOU SIGN ANY CONTRACT!



END

# RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

## The Old SHELL GAME

STEP RIGHT UP FOLKS!  
HERE'S FUN FOR ALL!  
A GAME WHERE YOU  
CAN'T LOSE... IF YOU  
LOOK SHARP! A PEA  
AND THREE WALNUT  
SHELLS.

I COVER THE PEA  
WITH ONE SHELL.  
SO..

AND I MOVE THE SHELLS  
AROUND... HERE, THERE.  
OF COURSE YOU'RE  
FOLLOWING ME, SO  
PUT UP YOUR MONEY!

..AND TELL ME, WHERE  
IS THE PEA? OVER THERE  
YOU THINK? YOU OUGHT  
TO KNOW.. SO I TURN  
IT UP!

WHAT'S THAT..  
NOT THERE?

WELL, WELL.. IT'S OVER HERE!  
WHAT DO YOU KNOW! I WIN  
THIS TIME.. BUT BETTER LUCK  
NEXT TIME! LET'S TRY  
AGAIN...

BUT YOU NEVER CAN WIN  
AND HERE'S WHY! THE PEA  
IS REALLY A RUBBER BALL.

..WHAT SQUEEZES OUT BENEATH  
THE SHELL WHEN IT IS PUSHED  
FORWARD. THE OPERATOR  
CLIPS IT BETWEEN THUMB AND  
FINGER.

..SO IT ISN'T UNDER ANY  
SHELL! AFTER YOU'VE GUESSED  
WRONG, THE OPERATOR PUTS  
IT UNDER ANOTHER BY SIMPLY  
REVERSING HIS ORIGINAL MOVE!





# RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

CON MEN ARE TRICKY! NOT MEN OF TRUE INTELLIGENCE -- BUT TRICKY! THEIR DEVISIVE SKILLS LURE THE RESPECTABLE PERSON INTO A SNARE BY TRADING ON THE VERY GOOD WILL AND HONESTY THEY FEIGN THEMSELVES! TO BETTER PROTECT OURSELVES AGAINST THESE MERCHANTS OF DECEIT LET'S SEE HOW THEY TICK! LET'S LOOK AT THE MAN WHO SAYS...

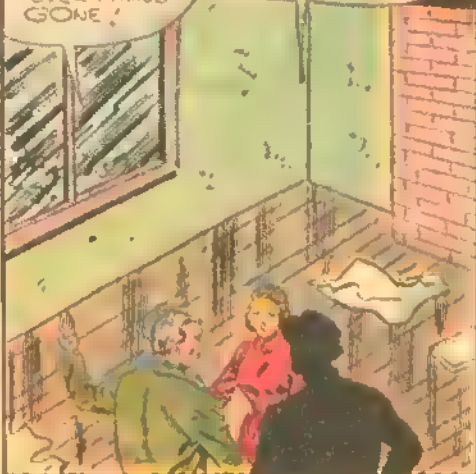
# I'LL STEAL YOUR HOME



IN A SMALL CITY SUBURB LAST AUGUST, DETECTIVE BAKER INTENTIVELY LISTENED TO A COUPLE'S PROBLEM.

IT'S TERRIBLE, DETECTIVE BAKER! WHEN WE RETURNED FROM OUR VACATION, THE PLACE WAS EMPTY! EVERYTHING GONE!

OUR NEIGHBOR PROMISED TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE HOUSE FOR US! HOW COULD SUCH A THING HAPPEN?



THEY DON'T EVEN LEAVE US A DISH TO EAT OFF OF

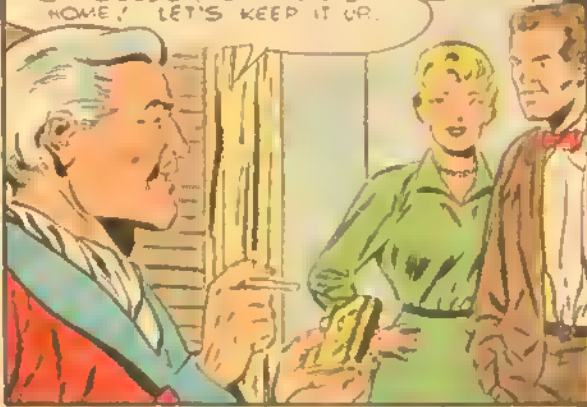
YES, IT'S JUST AS IF YOU HAD MOVED OUT! THIS JOB HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF ONE MAN -- THE MOST VICIOUS HOME CON MAN IN THE COUNTRY -- THE SILVER FOX!



# RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

YES, IT WAS THE TOUCH OF ROBERT FERRY THE SILVER FOX... A MAN WHO WAS OPERATING IN THE CITY AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT...

NOW THEN, ALICE AND EDWARD... ARE READY TO MOVE AGAIN. WE MADE QUITE A NICE HAUL ON THE SALE OF GOODS FROM THE LAST HOME. LET'S KEEP IT UP.



REMEMBER IN OUR BUSINESS WE MUST NEVER GET OVER-CONFIDENT. JUST KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, AND SOON WE'LL ALL BE ABLE TO INVEST IN A HONEST BUSINESS FOR LIFE.

SURE, FOX... BUT I DOUBT IF YOU COULD KEEP HONEST EVEN MAKING MONEY AT IT.



NEXT DAY OPERATION HOUSE THEFT WENT INTO ACTION...

YES, WE HAVE AN EXCURSION TO BERMUDA FOR TEN DAYS AT JUST \$500. YOU'LL HAVE A FIRST CLASS STATE ROOM!

THAT SOUNDS GRAND! LET'S TAKE IT TED!

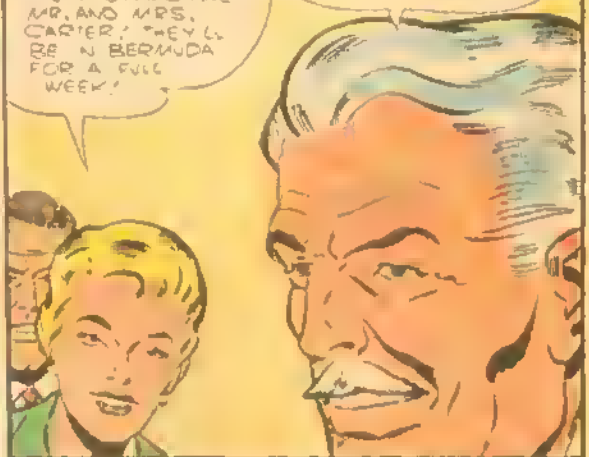
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THAT EVENING...

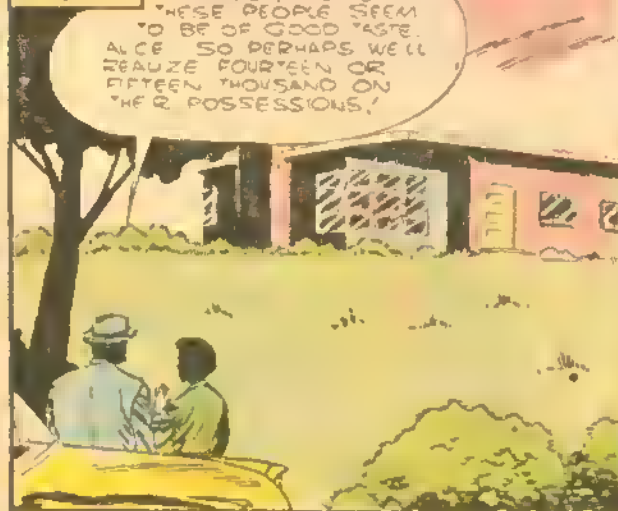
THEY LIVE AT 24 BRENTWOOD LANE. THEIR NAMES ARE MR. AND MRS. CARTER. THEY'LL BE IN BERMUDA FOR A FULL WEEK!

VERY WELL, WE'LL JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THE CARTER RESIDENCE.



LATER...

PERFECT! YOU SAY THESE PEOPLE SEEM TO BE OF GOOD TASTE. ALICE SO PERHAPS WE'LL REALIZE FOURTEEN OR FIFTEEN THOUSAND ON THEIR POSSESSIONS!



EXCELLENT! THEN ALL THAT REMAINS IS FOR YOU TO SEND THE TELEGRAM, EDWARD. BE SURE YOU SEE THE CARTERS BOARD THE SHIP BEFORE YOU SEND IT!

HAVE I EVER SURRED UP, FOX?

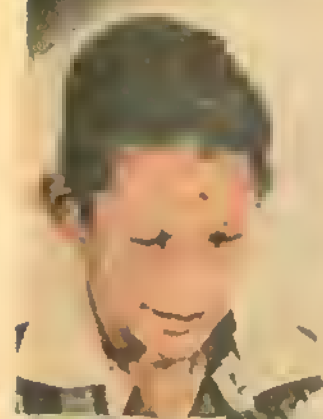




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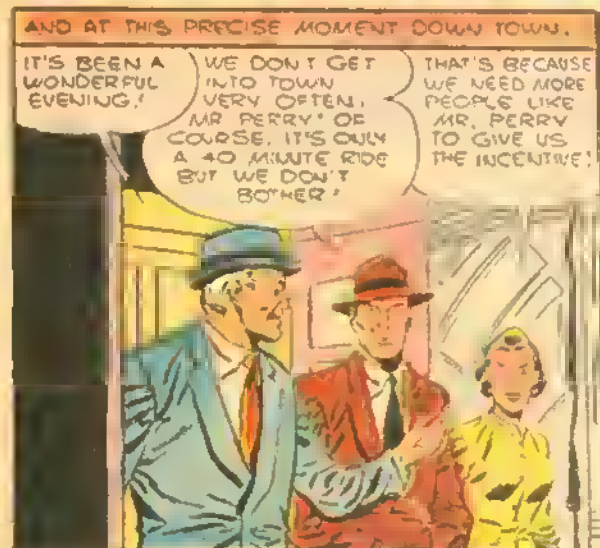
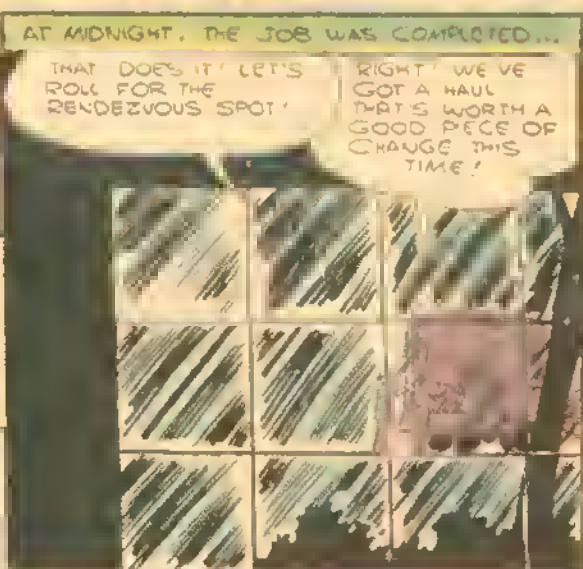
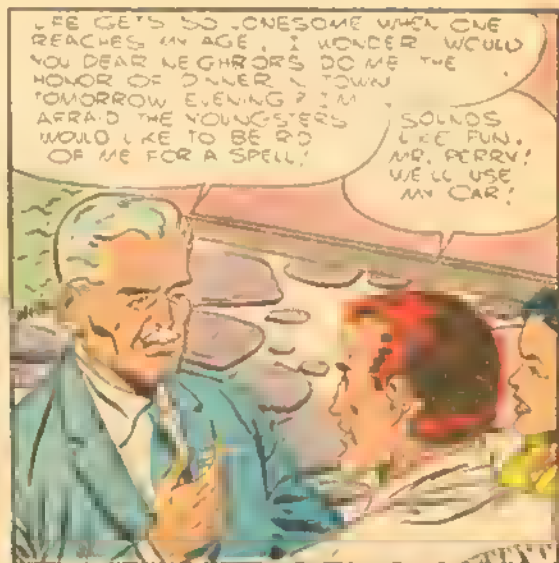
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OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE

NOT A FLY IN THE PUDDING MY FRIENDS! I ASSUME YOU HAVE TAKEN EVERY THING THAT WASN'T NAKED DOWN!

SURE DO! WE WANT TO BE OUT OF TOWN BY DAWN!



AS THE MOVING VAN ROLLED ALONG

POLICE! WASN'T BREAKING THE SPEED LAW...

DO "REF" EDWARD... PERHAPS SOME LOCAL ORDINANCE WE ARE NOT AWARE OF! I HAVE THE PROPER FORGED PAPERS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE LOAD!



BUT PERRY'S PAPERS WERE NOT MUCH GOOD AS DETECTIVE LANE PULLED UP

GOOD GRACIOUS! IS THIS THE WAY YOU STOP TRAFFIC VIOLATORS! PUT THOSE GUNS AWAY!

SAVE THE SWEET TALK, SILVER BOY! WE'RE STOPPING YOU FOR SUSPICION OF GRAND THEFT!



THAT DOES IT -- THE FURNITURE ANSWERS THE DESCRIPTION!

YOU OLD FOOL! WHAT DID YOU STUMBLE ON?

I I DON'T KNOW! EVERYTHING WENT OFF PERFECTLY! THE FRANKLINS COULDN'T HAVE SUSPECTED A THING!



THEY DON'T PERRY! BUT YOU LEFT THE LITTLE TEEN & HER CAR! THEY WERE WORRIED! THEY KNEW HOW PRECIOUS WAS TO YOU BECAUSE OF AN OLD GIRL FRIEND.



THAT'S WHY THEY RUSHED TO THE TARTER HOUSE TO RETURN TONIGHT BEFORE YOU WOULD WORRY! NATURALLY WHEN THEY FOUND IT EMPTY WE WERE CALLED!

OH NO! NO! I COME MYSELF!



The End



# "Hush-hush."

Lieutenant Frank Davidson, of Homicide, listened attentively as the young man in front of him spoke. The officer was doing his best to size up the situation and come to some kind of a decision. The young man, with sandy colored hair and brown eyes, made his final appeal.

"It has been a terrible fight with my conscience. But a man must live with himself. So I have voluntarily come to you and told you the truth. I shall accept my sentence, whatever it may be. So please arrest me now."

There wasn't any doubt that Edward Grimes was sincere. He showed no signs of being the typical crockpot looking for publicity by making a fake confession. So the officer shook his head in the negative.

"At present there are no legal grounds which would justify an arrest or even lead to a conviction according to the facts you stated. If by an accident and no negligence on your part, this young lady was killed, no crime was committed. On the other hand if you deliberately did kill her, how can we prove under the law that an actual crime had taken place? You come in here and tell me a series of facts you say took place. A confession to murder without any outside support to show such a crime did take place wouldn't stand up. Every day we get a lot of nuts claiming they killed people. But no body, no weapon, no witness, and really no crime."

"Do you think I am crazy?" challenged the young man. "I may be upset but I am in possession of all my faculties. Give me a lie detector test. You will find every word I am telling you is the truth."

"That will not be necessary," replied the officer. "I have a feeling you are a victim of a racket. Let me call Michael Benson, head of the Anti-Racket Bureau. I will see if an appointment can be made and go with you to his office."

The sergeant at the switchboard put the call through and the officer talked to the famous man. When he hung up he could report success.

"Eleven tomorrow morning is the appointment time. You be here at ten. Cheer up. You

are in for a shock of your life. Others will be there who fell for the same racket you did. This certainty is a slick one but with Michael Benson on the case you can bet we will get the criminals. And that doesn't include you, Mr. Grimes."

Michael Benson was seated behind his desk. On chairs in front of him were three well dressed young men. Standing was Lieutenant Frank Davidson.

"Under our grant of power," explained the head of the Anti-Racket Bureau, "we can enter on our own initiative into a case where there is a federal law involved or when interstate commerce, business, or activity is concerned. We can also enter upon the request of any local state subdivision. In this racket, you met the woman concerned in another state while on a weekend trip. She called you up in this state. That is enough for us."

Then turning to Mr. Grimes, the head of the Anti-Racket bureau continued speaking.

You went to the Crompton Hotel for a weekend. There you met a beautiful bland young lady, by the name of Anno Skidmore. You went out dancing and dining. Exchanged addresses and phone numbers. When you came back to the city she called you up. You went out together every evening for an entire week. She told you she had a brother by the name of Peter. You visited her apartment. She appeared agitated. Told you that when she was sixteen she had been married. Then the marriage was annulled. The man had sworn to kill her if he ever found her. Just before you came she had received a phone call that her former husband was on his way to the apartment. She opened her purse and handed you a gun. Told you that you must protect her. As you took the gun it went off. She fell to the floor with blood streaming from her body. A door opened and her so-called brother Peter entered. You told him what had happened. He bent down and examined the body of his sister. Said she was dead. Then lifted the body and brought it into the next room. The problem was what to do? You could see yourself in the death house. The bell rang. Two officers appeared. At least you thought they were officers. They said a neighbor reported hearing a shot. They examined the premises

and found the body. Wanted to arrest you. But brother Peter predeed. Said he believed you. He even offered them a thousand dollars. They hinted it was not enough. You added whatever you had on your person plus a large check. Then they felt, Brother Peter told you to stay until it was dark. Then he wrapped up the body of his sister — which wasn't really a body; but a life size monikin. He got weights and cord. Tied up the covered body. Then that evening you followed him to his car. He was able to put the body in the back of the car unobserved. Drove you to a pier and threw the body over. Told you he knew you were innocent and that's why he was willing to help you. That little experience cost you seven thousand dollars."

"How do you know all this?" gasped a surprised Edward Grimes who was beginning to see the light.

"Because it also happened to Mr. Raymond Nearey and Mr. James Hinsdale, the other young men present. They also had their bank accounts nicked in the same manner. Before the girl called you, her confederates checked on your standing to see if you had enough dough; as they would phrase it. The blood came from a small plastic bag hidden on her body. That gun had a trick timing device fixed so as to go off a few seconds after you were handed it."

"Is there any chance of getting those people?" demanded James Hinsdale.

"A very good one," replied Michael Benson. "And it is due to a lucky break given to Mr. Nearey. Last week he went up to a small town called Rockville. He was getting some gas at a service station. He saw the duplicate of Anna Skidmore. Only she had black hair. He found out from the gas man who she was. She was living with her husband, Peter, in a small two family house. Mr. Nearey came to us. We know she is at another hotel looking for a victim. My men are up there now. She and Peter rent different apartments for the scene of the death. You wait until I notify you. If the prospective sucker is willing to help us, this will smash the racket definitely."

Louis Wisner was a most surprised man as he listened to Michael Benson explain the motives behind the meeting of Anna Perle, alias Anna Skidmore and a lot of other names.

"If you will help us, I can guarantee we will protect your safety. We will be in the apartment above and will be the place where you are. My men will literally cover every inch of the ground," said Michael Benson.

"I always wanted to be an actor," was the reply, "and I hope I make the grade this time. So you call this the Hush-hush game. I'll see they get the works."

Everything went off according to schedule. Louis Wisner acted perfectly even when the gun went off. And then the two officers appeared. That was when the cue changed.

"I killed a young lady by accident," said Wisner. "Arrest me. I am certain no jury will convict me."

There was a look of surprise on the faces of the two fake officers and Peter. Nothing like this had happened before and they weren't prepared for it.

"You know what this means?" blubbered one of the fake officers.

"That I will not serve a jail sentence. May I leave now or do you want to take me to the precinct house?"

There was a knock on the door. The knob turned and the door opened because it had been fixed that way. Two real officers appeared.

"Anything wrong?" asked one of them.

Peter had to think fast. He wanted to get rid of the real officers who were giving the fake ones a close once over.

"We just were having some fun," he explained. "He thought he killed my sister. A little stage play."

"Just like with us," said three voices in unison as Edward Grimes, Raymond Nearey and James Hinsdale entered the room.

"I guess the game is up," reflected Peter sadly. "They got us with the goods. Go tell Anna to wipe that fake blood off her."

Michael Benson had a final word of advice to the three young men who had fallen for the racket.

"If you and the rest of the public would remember one thing, we could smash every racket like this and similar ones. Whenever anyone wants to extort money from you because they have something on you, go to the authorities and report. Never pay a hush-money."

— The End —



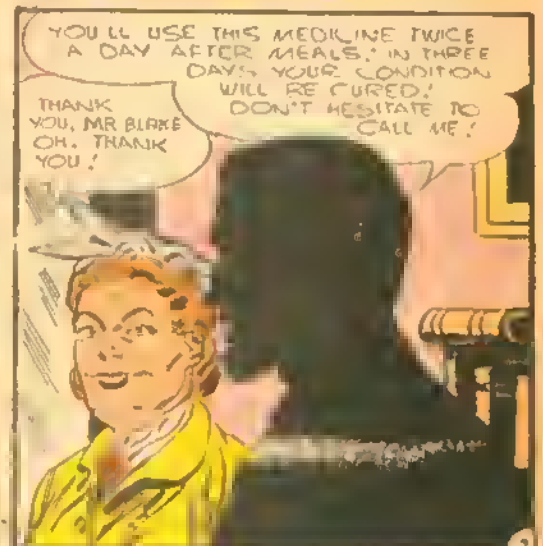
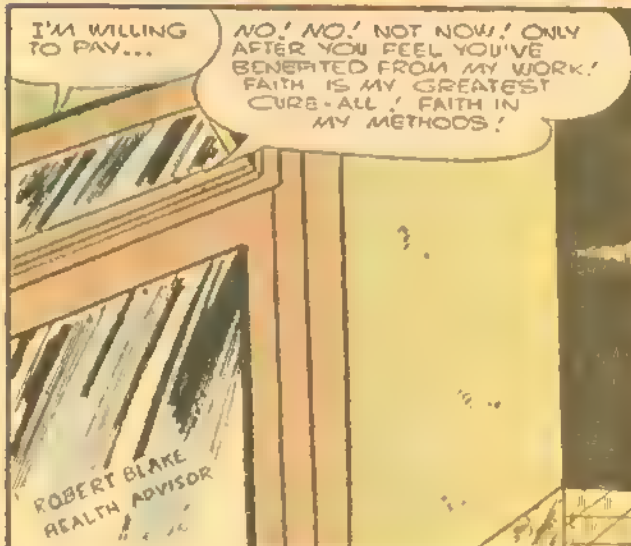
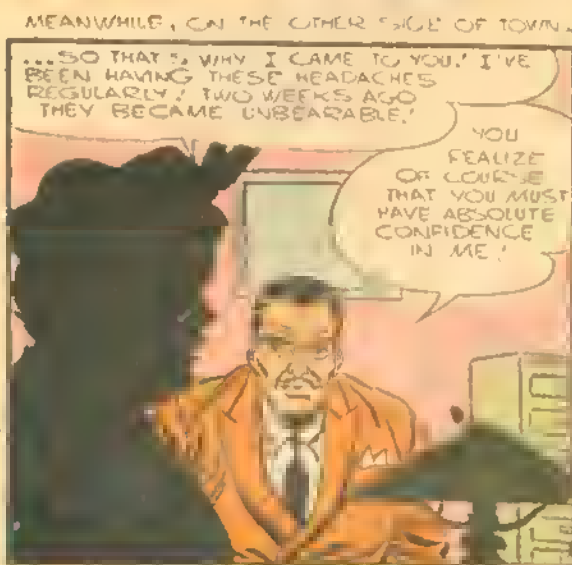
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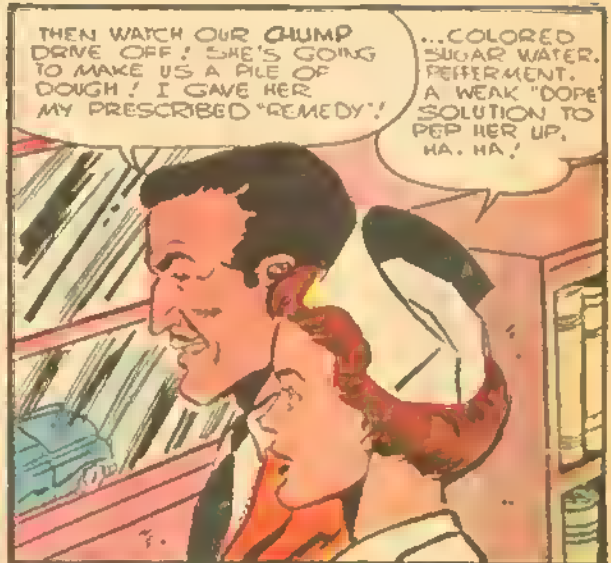
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SHE COLLAPSED SUDDENLY TONIGHT, DR. JOHNSON. SHE WAS UNDER THE CARE OF A HEALTH ADVISOR... I'M WORRIED.

WE'LL HAVE A LOOK AT HER, AT ONCE!

WHAT'S WRONG? SHE ISN'T GOING TO...

PERHAPS NOT... IF WE MOVE FAST, CALL CENTRAL HOSPITAL! TELL THEM TO SEND AN AMBULANCE OUT HERE AT ONCE!

AND LATER, INSIDE THE AMBULANCE...

SHE LOOKS PRETTY BAD, DOC! CAN YOU DO ANYTHING?

NOT LIKELY, TED! HER FAMILY PHYSICIAN THINKS IT'S A CEREBRAL HEMORRAGE!

TWO HOURS LATER, AT THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE...

THIS WAS FOUND IN THE DESK OF THE DECEASED HER HUSBAND VERIFIES IT.

HMM... A ROBERT P. BLAKE! I THINK WE HAVE A LEAD AT LAST!

AND IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE...

NO SUCH NAME IN THE MEDICAL DIRECTORY FOR THIS CITY? AND NONE IN THE CENTRAL FILES AT WASHINGTON? THANKS, YOU'VE BEEN A BIG HELP!

NOW! FOR SOME ACTION!

THE WHEELS OF LAW AND ORDER BEGAN TURNING. ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WERE NOTIFIED. AND SOON, RETURNED ON TELETYPE AND PHOTO-GRAVURE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

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AND INSIDE THE SPECIAL DIVISION OF THE RACKET SQUAD...

IF I HAD ONLY KNOWN SOONER! IF ONLY...

YOU CAN'T BE BLAMED MR. PEARSON! VERY OFTEN PEOPLE DON'T JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES!

THIS IS DOCTOR HANSON-- HE IS ATTACHED TO OUR OFFICE!

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"CHARLATANS HAVE EXISTED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME! WITCH DOCTORS, VODOO CULTS-- ALL SORTS OF HORRIBLE AND EVIL MEN WHO PREYED ON CIVILIZATION FOR GREED! MESMER IN THE 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS THE FATHER OF QUACKS..."

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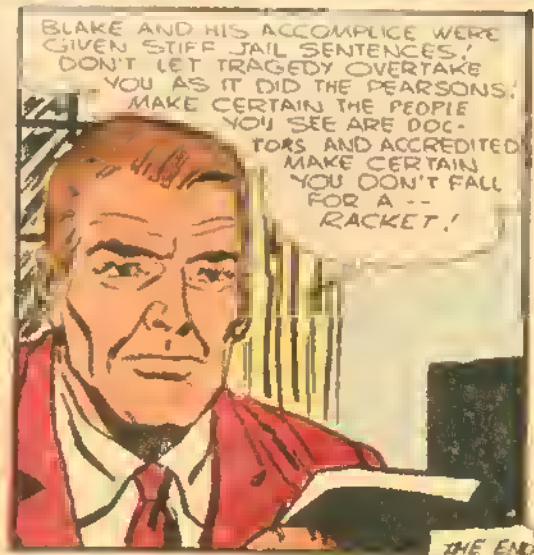
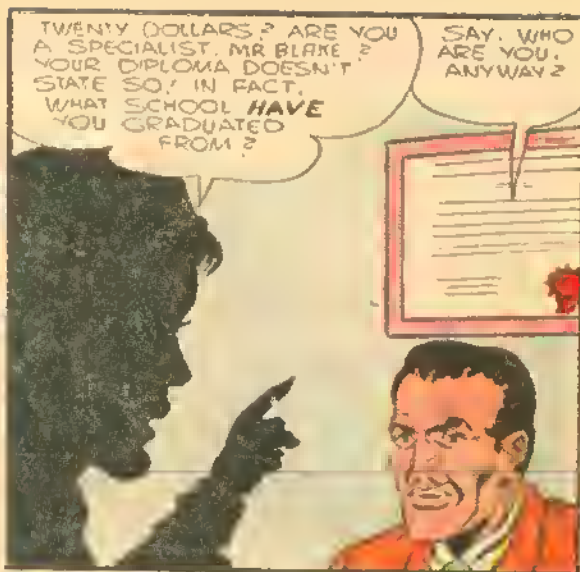
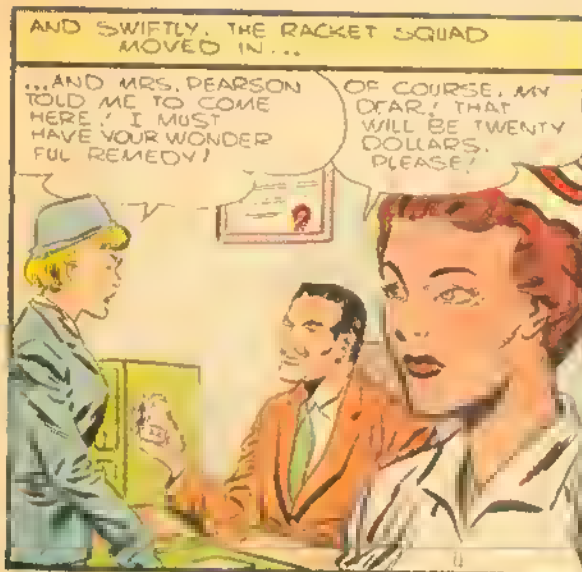
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AND EVEN DURING PRACTICE, A PHYSICIAN IS EVER UNDER THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH, THE CRITICISM OF HIS COLLEAGUES AND THE COMMUNITY! THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DOCTOR AND A FAITH HEALER A QUACK!

WE'LL NAB OUR MAN MR. PEARSON!

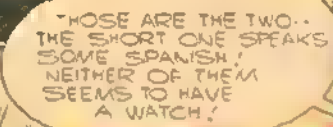




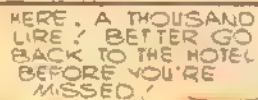
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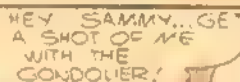
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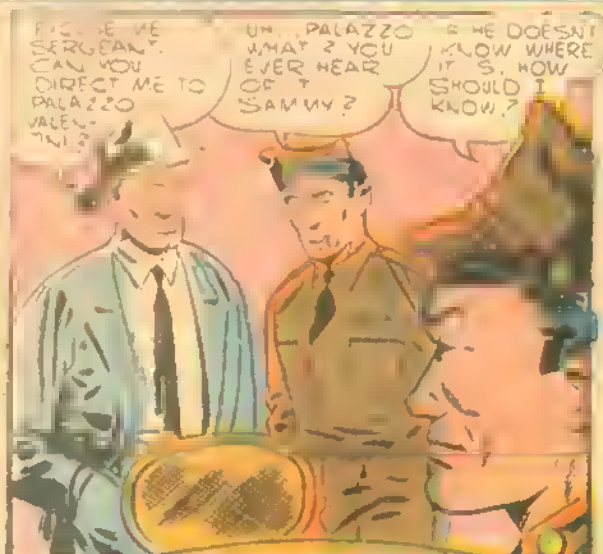
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You Get All This

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# RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

BUT, OF COURSE HE WAS NO LONGER TO BE FOUND AT SAN MARCO... AND THE ENRAGED G.I.'S FOUND THE NEAREST POLICE STATION...

"SWISS WATCHES," OH NO... NOT AGAIN! SOMETIMES I THINK YOU AMERICANS LOVE TO BE TAKEN...

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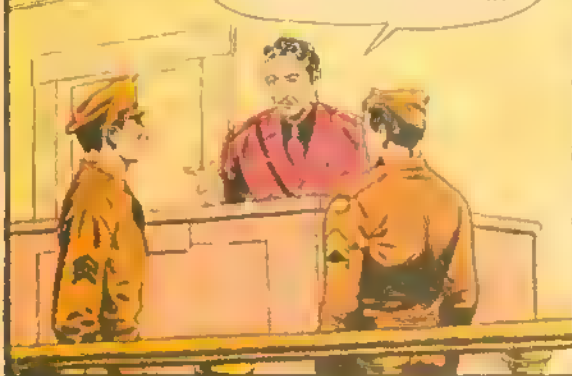


LOOK AT THIS RING SERGEANT! IT HAPPENS TO BE A DIAMOND, BUT IF IT WERE GLASS AND I TOLD YOU IT WAS WORTH TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS YOUR FIRST REACTION WOULD BE THAT IT WAS A VALUABLE STONE!



I... I DON'T GET IT

NO? WELL WHAT I MEAN IS THAT TODAY YOU BOUGHT YOUR FIRST REACTION. HE TOLD YOU THE WATCHES WERE WORTH A LOT OF MONEY AND SINCE THEY HAD NICE SHINY CASES YOU ASSUMED THEY WERE WORTH A LOT OF MONEY...



...EXCEPT WITHOUT FIRST HAVING THEM EVALUATED BY A JEWELER YOU LET HIM TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANOTHER HUMAN FAILING, THE TENDENCY TO MAKE A HARD BARGAIN. YOU BOUGHT \$250 WATCHES FOR \$70 EACH. TRULY, YOU DROVE A HARD BARGAIN...



...EXCEPT LIKE THE GLASS RING THEY ARE 'WORTHLESS.' IF IT IS ANY CONSOLATION TO YOU, THIS RACKET HAS BEEN WORKED IN VENICE AND EVERY OTHER LARGE CITY ON THE CONTINENT SO MANY TIMES THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO TELL A COP IS 'WATCHES' AND HE'LL KNOW THE WHOLE STORY!



OKAY SO WE WERE TAKEN. HOW ABOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT INSTEAD OF LECTURING US?

WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN OF COURSE! FILL OUT THESE FORMS AND PAY CLOSE ATTENTION WHEN YOU FILL IN THE DESCRIPTIONS!



# RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION











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"Up to our necks in Radio-Television work. Four other NRI men work here. Am happy with my work." Lyle Peterson, Bradford, Ont., Canada.



"Am doing Radio and Television Servicing full time. Now have my own shop. I owe my success to NRI." Curtis Scott, Ft. Madison, Iowa.

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To Better Pay!**

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About 200 Television stations are now on the air. Hundreds of others being built. Good TV jobs opening up for Technicians, Operators, etc.

25 million homes now have Television sets. Thousands more are being sold every week. Get a job or have your own business selling, installing, servicing.

## Radio-TV Needs Men of Action—Mail Coupon

Act now to get more of the good things of life. Actual lesson proves my training is practical, thorough. 64-page book shows good job opportunities for you in many fields. Take NRI training for as little as \$5 a month. Many graduates make more than total cost of training in two weeks. Mail coupon now. J. E. SMITH, President, National Radio Institute, Dept. 5M12, Washington 9, D. C. OUR 40TH YEAR.

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National Radio Institute, Washington 9, D. C.  
Mail me Sample Lesson and 64-page Book, FREE.  
(No salesman will call. Please write plainly.)

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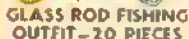
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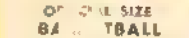
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